

## 10 P.C. FREIGHT CUT FOR FARM PRODUCTS

Roads Volunteer Reduction  
Without Waiting for  
Lower Wages.

## NEW ENGLAND EXEMPT

Shipments Wholly in Re-  
gion Not to Benefit by  
\$55,000 Saving.

## GRAIN CASE APPEALED

Live Stock, Dried Fruits and  
Cereals Expected to Bear  
New Tariffs.

The railroads will effect an im-  
mediate reduction of 10 per cent. in  
freight rates on farm products without  
waiting for a reduction in the wages  
of their employees.

The new tariffs, which will reduce  
the annual operating revenues of the  
carriers by approximately \$55,000,000,  
will be applied throughout the entire  
country, except on traffic moving  
wholly within New England, where the  
financial condition of the railroads is  
considered too serious.

Acting on the recommendations of a  
committee which conferred with the  
Interstate Commerce Commission on

Saturday, members of the Association  
of Railway Executives, representing  
more than 95 per cent. of the railroad  
mileage in the United States, met here  
yesterday and decided to initiate with-  
out delay the following programme:

1. A reduction, for an experimental  
period of six months, of 10 per cent. in  
carload rates on wheat, corn, oats, other  
grain, flour, meal, hay, straw, alfalfa,  
unmanufactured tobacco, cotton, cotton-  
seed, cottonseed products (except cotton-  
seed oil and cottonseed meal), citrus  
fruits, potatoes, fresh vegetables and  
fruits, dried fruits and vegetables,  
horses, mules, cattle, calves, sheep, goats,  
hogs, poultry, eggs, butter, cheese and  
wool, any reduction in such rates made  
since September 1, 1920, to constitute a  
part of this 10 per cent. reduction; it  
being understood that such reduction of  
10 per cent. shall not apply to traffic  
moving wholly within New England.

2. The necessary steps under the law  
to be filed as soon as possible for a re-  
duction in the wages of employees, with  
the understanding that the benefit of the  
reduction thus obtained shall, in a  
manner approved by the Interstate  
Commerce Commission, be passed on to  
the public in the reduction of existing  
railroad rates.

3. An application to the Interstate  
Commerce Commission for a rehearing  
of the hay and grain case, and mean-  
while for a general inquiry by the com-  
mission to ascertain whether any fur-  
ther reduction in rates could lawfully  
be required, or, with due regard to the  
transportation industry, is possible.

### 15 Per Cent. Cut Alternative.

Last month the commission ordered a  
reduction of 15 per cent., effective No-  
vember 29, on hay, grain and alfalfa  
moving in the Western and Intermoun-  
tain classification districts. The new  
move of the roads would substitute a  
general cut on farm products of all  
kinds in the expectation that the com-  
mission will waive the usual thirty days'  
notice for rate changes and allow the  
carriers to put the new schedules in  
effect as soon as they can be prepared.

The following statement was author-  
ized by Thomas De Witt Cuyler, chair-  
man of the Association of Railway Ex-  
ecutives:

"The railroads have already reduced  
freight rates substantially from the level  
established by the commission in Au-  
gust, 1920. The reductions already  
made are estimated as accurately as  
can be to involve a loss of revenue at  
the rate of \$175,000,000 to \$200,000,000

annually. These reductions on many  
roads represent a loss much greater  
than any corresponding saving realized  
from reductions in wages already ef-  
fected.

"In making this reduction the rail-  
roads are relying on the public for ef-  
fective aid in bringing about the neces-  
sary reduction in labor and other costs  
of transportation, and are hoping for  
the cooperation of labor itself to that  
end."

### Commission Powerless.

The day's proceedings brought to light  
the curious fact that legally the Inter-  
state Commerce Commission in the pres-  
ent situation is not empowered to force  
rate reductions on the carriers, in view  
of a clause in the transportation act  
providing that it shall fix rates so  
that a return of 5½ per cent. will be  
earned on the aggregate property in-  
vestment of the railroads. In the first  
eight months of the current year the  
net earnings of the roads, before de-  
duction of interest charges, were at the  
annual rate of 2.6 per cent. return on  
their property investment, as evaluated  
by the Interstate Commerce Commis-  
sion.

The 12 per cent. wage cut effected

last July lopped off about \$400,000,000  
of the \$732,000,000 which was added  
by the 22½ per cent. increase of the  
previous year. If the carriers succeed  
in further cutting the pay of train  
service employees 10 per cent. and re-  
ducing all other employees to the going  
rates for similar kinds of work in other  
industries, it is estimated that the re-  
sulting \$322,000,000 of the last increase  
will be shaved off expenses for transla-  
tion into lower freight rates.

### MORE WOMEN GET DIPLOMAS.

Brooklyn and Queens Reserves  
Honored at Headquarters.

Four hundred women police reserves  
of Brooklyn and Queens, headed by  
Major Bertha Elder, wife of Robert H.  
Elder, former Assistant District Attor-  
ney in Kings, received at Police Head-  
quarters last night diplomas of service,  
presented by Commissioner Enright and  
the Special Deputy Commissioner, Rod-  
man Wainmaker.

The certificates acknowledged grateful  
appreciation for duty done by the  
women. The women reserves of Manhat-  
tan and The Bronx received their diplo-  
mas on Tuesday night.

### A. C. BURCH INSANE, SWEARS HIS EX-LAWYER

Mrs. Burch's Murder Attempt  
Called Fabrication.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Charles McNett of  
Evanston, a friend and former legal ad-  
viser of the family of Arthur C. Burch,  
held at Los Angeles for murder in con-  
nection with the death of J. Belton Ken-  
nedy, to-day signed a deposition in sup-  
port of the claim that Burch is insane.  
Mr. McNett swears Burch told him a  
wild story in February, 1920, of an at-  
tempt by Mrs. Allie Quayle Burch to  
kill him. Mrs. Burch, the daughter of  
Bishop Quayle, recently obtained a di-  
vorce.

Mr. McNett's deposition says Burch  
claimed his wife had attempted to mur-  
der him in bed and had then talked with  
what she thought was his spirit in an  
effort to get his impressions of the  
future life. Mr. McNett's statement says  
he drew up a divorce bill on the strength  
of this story at Burch's request, but  
after talking to Mrs. Burch dismissed  
the matter as the product of a diseased  
brain.

### OWENS AND HORAN ASK INDICTMENTS QUASHED

Their Lawyer Gets Right to  
Inspect Jury Minutes.

Permission to inspect the Grand Jury  
minutes was granted by Judge Crain in  
General Sessions yesterday to Leonard  
A. Snitkin, counsel for Martin A. Owens  
and Thomas Horan, detectives of the  
automobile squad who were indicted  
last January on charges of accepting  
gratuities for recovering stolen auto-  
mobiles.

Snitkin said the indictments were the  
result of public hysteria at that time  
and asked for the right to inspect the  
minutes on the ground that he wished  
to make a motion for the dismissal of  
the indictments.

The court granted the motion for in-  
spection when Snitkin explained that a  
similar motion had been made last  
spring. Former Gov. Whitman had the  
cases transferred from General Sessions  
to the Supreme Court. Yesterday they  
were transferred back to General Ses-  
sions, and Snitkin renewed his motion.

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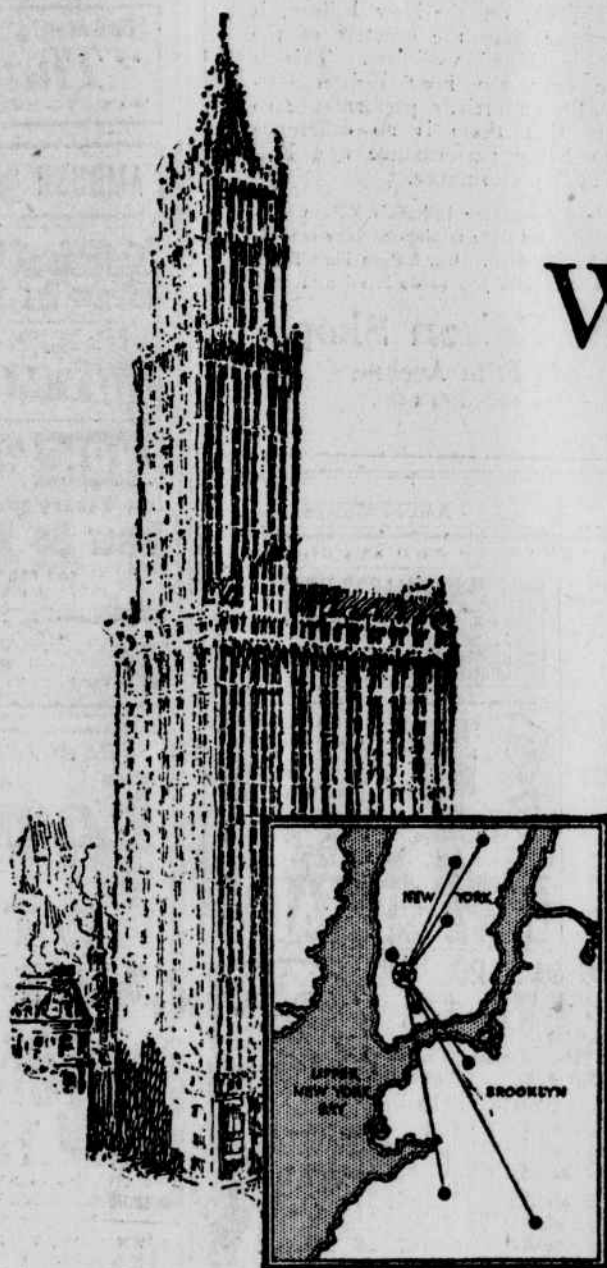
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